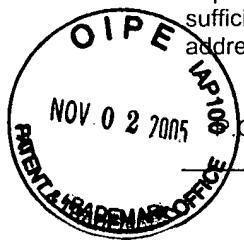


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In re Application of: )  
SOURIAU, Jean-Charles )  
Serial No.: 10/731,382 ) Examiner: Dinh D. Chiem  
Filing Date: December 8, 2003 ) Group Art Unit: 2883  
For: OPTICAL ARRANGEMENT WITH )  
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PRODUCTION METHODS )

### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action dated September 1, 2005, in the above-referenced case, the applicants' claims were subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 USC § 121. The applicants hereby provisionally elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-18; however, the applicants respectively traverse the restriction requirement.